

BONDED CHAUFFEURS ON JOB AFTER JAN. 1

Passengers in Taxicabs
May Feel Safer Against
Reckless Driving.

ALL TO HAVE PLATES

Commissioner Urges Companies
to Report Lapses
in Renewals.

POLICE POWER LIMITED

Neither They Nor Bureau
Have Power to Handle De-
fault in Bond Premiums.

When the new purple and white automobile license plates flash on January 1, every passenger of a taxicab may rest assured the operator is hardly bonded against recklessness. But, to guarantee that security lasting for much more than a month, bonding companies should cooperate with authorities by reporting operators who let bonds lapse as soon as licenses are in hand, said John F. Gilchrist, Commissioner of Licenses, last night.

Under the new bonding law passed in the last Legislature, no "operator of an omnibus for hire" will receive his 1923 license or plates from the State until the Commission unless he furnishes proof he has taken out the specified \$2,500 indemnity insurance.

The 1923 State registration now in progress offers no loophole for the bond dodger—the first month. But, Commissioner Gilchrist pointed out, there is at present no power to see that he keeps his bond paid up the second or third month. Practice has sprung up, he said, where evaders deliberately default once a license has been granted, and continue to operate cabs without any bond at all.

Regulation of the problem, involving 15,000 cabs in New York city, is beyond the power of either police or the eighteen inspectors of the Division of Licensed Vehicles, according to the Commissioner. On the other hand, bonding companies would report to the proper authorities immediately bonds of such importance to public safety were defaulted, he said, the problem would be solved.

"State city authorities," he said, "can't be made a collecting agency for bonding companies. If court bonds may not be defaulted, unless the bondsmen bring in the body of the prisoner, neither should the surety of a taxi operator be absolved just because his man takes it into his head to stop payments. The surety, as a matter of fact, should report it."

John T. McNeill, deputy State director in charge of the local headquarters at Broadway and Sixty-fifth street, said New York city motorists were paying no more than the other eleven-twelfth, and the eleventh hour registration will cost them great inconvenience. Not a single motorist yesterday registered for 1923 at headquarters nor any of the five branches, he said.

Of the 322,000 plates provided for this year's registration only about 25,000 had been issued so far, according to Mr. McNeill. Only twelve days remained to issue the other eleven-twelfth. There will be no extension of time until February 1st as last year, Mr. McNeill announced.

BECKER JURY COMPLETE FOR EVIDENCE MONDAY

Three Days Required to Complete Panel.

Evidence at the trial of Abraham Becker, charged with murdering his wife and burying her in an abandoned boiler pit in the Bronx, will begin at 11 o'clock Monday morning. The jury was completed yesterday at the end of the third day's session in Bronx County Court.

The jury which will try Becker follows: Foreman, Charles E. Orpenheim, retired, of 434 East 166th street; John H. Merritt, retired, of 565 Villa avenue; George Frank, iron worker, of 228 Bassford avenue; Thomas D. Heaney, salesman, 118 Southern Boulevard; John Sorenson, storekeeper, of 1280 Ogden avenue; Julius Bachar, fur dealer, of 408 Prospect avenue; Louis Du Bois, foreman of New York Edison Company, of 645 Manilla street; Morris Pollock, painter, of 576 Tinton street; Leo D. Josephson, salesman, of 1191 110th avenue; Matthew Young, furniture dealer, of 1104 Clay avenue; Charles Brush, mechanic, of Edgemoor avenue, Spuyten Duyvil; and William T. Hirschberg, chairman, of 871 Kelly street.

CHIMPANZEE'S THIRD DIES IN ITS INFANCY

Suzette Again Refuses to Nurse Offspring.

John J. Toomey, head keeper at the New York Zoological Park in the Bronx, is determined to take today from Suzette, the former vaudeville chimpanzee actress who now lives in the monkey house at the park, the body of her third young one, who died yesterday after a precarious existence of eight days.

Suzette used to smoke cigarettes and drink like a lady fish before she retired from the four a days, and although she seemed motherly enough, she refused to nurse her offspring. Both of her other young ones died of starvation in the same way.

Last year, when the first little chimpanzee died, Suzette clutched the body and refused to let any one approach, not even Toomey, to whom she ordinarily is devoted. Eventually the body was taken from the cage while Suzette was not watching.

STOLE BANK'S \$51,000 TO PROVIDE FOR WIFE

Manager Gets Six Months' Minimum Despite Pleas.

Fear of losing his wife's affections caused Max W. Hensel, 35, formerly manager of the Harlem branch of the Corn Exchange Bank, to steal a total of \$51,000 from the bank over several years, according to Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, alienist, whose testimony was read in General Sessions yesterday. Judge May sentenced Hensel to from six months to three years in the penitentiary.

Judge Marquand said he had received more than 100 letters, many of them from depositors in the bank, asking for leniency for Hensel.

MRS. MOSKOWITZ SLATED FOR BIG JOB UNDER SMITH

Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer Says Governor-Elect Has Promised a Woman Will Head a Department and Every One Guesses Who the Woman Is.

Governor-elect Smith intends to appoint a woman as head of one of the State Departments, Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer announced yesterday addressing the National Woman's Party at the home of Mrs. Robert Goeliet, 329 Fifth avenue. "I saw Gov. Smith not long ago and he told me that is one of the first things he will do after he gets to Albany January 1," Mrs. Havemeyer said. "And you can't guess who the woman is, can't you?"

Apparently most of the seventy-five women present could, for there were nods of the head and whisperings of the name of Mrs. Henry Moskowitz. Mrs. Moskowitz devoted much time to Mr. Smith's political interests. She was a member of the Citizens Committee for his election, which had headquarters at the Hotel Baltimore.

Mrs. Goeliet, who presided, declared that the women had organized themselves into a feminist party in order to get their rights. "We have formed a third party," she said. "It is a separate party working for the rights of the mother over herself, her property and

her child. Women have been asleep for a long time, but they are waking up now to a realization of what they must have in order to become the equals of men." Miss Anita Pollitzer, national secretary of the party, read some of the articles in the new "Women's Declaration of Independence," as the blank bill advocates call their set of principles. They range from equal education with men in all the States, in the home, in industry, in the professions. They also demand that the double standard of morals be abolished; that women be admitted to the priesthood and the ministry, or any position of authority in the church; that women shall no longer be required by law or custom to assume the name of their husband upon marriage; and that the wife shall be recognized just as much the head of the family as the man is; in short, that women shall no longer be in any form of subjection to man in law or in custom.

Mrs. John W. Brannan was the other speaker. The party is starting a drive for women members to help win the equal rights fight.

CITY SEIZES TWO BROOKLYN FERRIES

Whalen Says Atlantic and Hamilton Avenue Lines Ignore Rate Orders.

Crover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, announced yesterday that the city will take over the Atlantic avenue and Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, ferries to Whitehall street, Manhattan, at midnight to-night and operate them as municipal ferries.

Mr. Whalen said the reason for this seizure was the fact that the Union Ferry Company, present operator, has twice increased fares and has ignored orders from the city to reduce them. The Commissioner made public a letter to the ferry company revoking its license.

He said he has issued repeated orders to the company to cancel its "illegal rates." The company recently, he declared, that the company intended to add its fare to the individual owner of the company and withdraw them from service, rather than sell the boats to the city at the price the city offered.

"I immediately made arrangements to continue these ferry lines with other boats," said Mr. Whalen. "Passenger fare will be reduced to 5 cents and vehicle rate reduced to conform to the municipal standard."

"I have notified the employees of the Union Ferry Company to meet me at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, when I will take them over, so they will not be thrown out of work on the eve of Christmas."

MAGISTRATE DENOUNCES JUSTICE S. B. STRONG

Giving of Pistol Permits Basis of Attack.

Supreme Court Justice Selah B. Strong of Suffolk county was roundly denounced in the Flatbush Avenue Court yesterday by Magistrate George H. Powell for having issued revolver permits to persons who, he said, would be unable to obtain such licenses from the Police Commissioner of New York city. Magistrate Powell's ire was aroused by the arraignment of a prisoner, who, on being charged with unlawfully possessing a revolver, showed a permit issued by Justice Strong.

"I have come across dozens of such permits issued by Justice Strong," said the Magistrate. "In more than one instance, although I don't recall the names of the licensees, his permits have been found in the possession of convicts who have served terms for crimes of violence."

The case before Magistrate Powell was that of James De Mayo, 31 years old, of 22 St. Felix street, Brooklyn. De Mayo told the magistrate he had been given a permit to carry a pistol by Justice Strong and that he had lost his permit in Coney Island last summer. He said Justice Strong had issued him a duplicate permit, and submitted the duplicate to the magistrate.

Justice Strong would make no comment on Magistrate Powell's charges, and refused to see reporters in his chambers at the Brooklyn Supreme Court. He sent out word that the charge was "too absurd" to warrant a reply.

SPONSORS FOR CLARKE'S LEAGUE DRIVE PICKED

Former Judge to Announce Program on January 10.

The names of the sponsors for the National Non-Partisan League of Nations which is being organized under the leadership of John H. Clarke, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court, were made public yesterday at the local headquarters at West Thirty-seventh street. The program of the organization, including plans for cooperation with other groups and associations, will be announced by Clarke at a dinner to be held at the Hotel Baltimore on January 10. Among the 112 names announced are:

Oswald S. Straus, Mrs. Norman D. R. Whitehouse, Frank A. Vanderbilt, Ray Stannard Baker, William Harman Black, John Emerson, Bishop Thomas F. Bayly, Charles Dana Gibson, Will Irwin, Ellen P. Fawcett, William J. Schieffelin, Augustus Thomas, Judge George W. Anderson, Mabel Choate, Charles W. Elliot, Irving Fisher, Virginia C. Gilchrist, Samuel George, Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, Charles H. Thwing, Henry Van Dyke, William Allen White, Mary E. Woolley, Cleveland H. Dodge, Major-General John P. O'Rourke, Theodore Marburg, Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, Mrs. Winston Churchill, Robert Underwood Johnson and Mrs. Arthur Osgood Choate.

MAN, 76, AND WIFE, 71,
DIE WITHIN TWO HOURS

Albert P. Lake Was Owner of Old Toll Road.

LABOR HEADS GIVE SLATE TO SMITH

Indorsement of Lynch Sets Democratic Wheels in Motion.

"State labor leaders presented their legislative program yesterday to Alfred B. Smith, Governor-elect, at his headquarters in the Baltimore Hotel, but made no recommendations concerning appointments. Mr. Smith received the report, listened to the arguments of several members of the legislative and executive committees of the State Federation, but made no comment."

The Governor-elect was silent, also, regarding reports of a fight that has broken out in labor and Democratic organization quarters over the candidacy of James M. Lynch of Syracuse for the position of State Industrial Commissioner.

The protest against Lynch has been carried to Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, who apparently is sitting as umpire in such patronage disputes. Eugene J. Kovalsky, member of the executive committee of the State Federation, and William H. Kelly, Democratic leader of Onondaga and a close associate ally of Tammany, urged Mr. Murphy to state that both labor and the Tammany organization upstate opposed Lynch's selection.

Lynch has Labor Backing. The labor organizations in Syracuse last week indorsed Lynch for head of the state labor department, and that started trouble. At a meeting of the State Federation in Albany last Tuesday an attempt was made to put through a resolution indorsing Lynch and others.

In the discussion it was charged that Lynch had supported William K. Hearst for the nomination for Governor, against the wishes of the Syracuse Democrats. The federation concluded finally not to indorse candidates for any offices and to devote its attention wholly to its program. But immediately thereafter the spokesmen for the federation hurried down to see Murphy and tell him he must interfere if necessary, to split the party movement. Mr. Lynch was formerly head of the International Typographical Union and was State Labor Commissioner.

Mr. Smith is asked by the labor leaders to conduct an investigation into the use of the State police in industrial disputes. Among the recommendations made are that a State fund be established for exclusive use in industrial compensation cases; declaring against injunctions in labor cases; calling for a minimum wage and eight hour day laws; and for remodeling the State Labor Department. Most of the recommendations were in the Democratic State platform.

BOUNDARIES OF FIRE DIVISIONS CHANGED

Shift in Lines Affect Fourteen Battalions.

A large number of transfers and changes in district boundaries were announced by Fire Chief John Kenyon yesterday to go into effect at 9 o'clock this morning. The order changes the boundary lines of the five divisions and of fourteen battalions.

The following transfers were made: Fourth Battalion comprising Engine Companies Nos. 9, 11, 16 and 17, and Hook and Ladder Companies Nos. 4 and 12 from the Second Division to the First Division; Six Battalion, comprising Engine Companies Nos. 2, 23, 24 and 25, and Hook and Ladder Companies Nos. 3 and 11 from the Third Division to the Second Division; Ninth Battalion, comprising Engine Companies Nos. 2, 23, 24 and 25, and Hook and Ladder Companies Nos. 4 and 12 from the Fourth Division to the Third Division; Engine Company No. 29 from First Battalion to Second Battalion; Engine Companies Nos. 4 and 12 from Second Battalion to First Battalion; Hook and Ladder Company No. 8 from Fifth Battalion to Second Battalion; Engine Company No. 14 from Sixth Battalion to Seventh Battalion; Hook and Ladder Company No. 43 and Engine Company No. 91, from Twelfth Battalion to Tenth Battalion; Hook and Ladder Company No. 29 from Sixteenth Battalion to Twelfth Battalion.

CRUSHED BY TUG AT PIER.

Boatman Falls Just as Craft Is Making Fast.

Robert Clemmons of the crew of the Baltimore and Ohio tugboat George M. Schuster was in a serious condition in the Beekman Street Hospital yesterday, having been crushed between a pier and the side of the craft. The tug had been about to make fast at Pier 23, Hudson River, when Clemmons, in throwing a rope, lost his balance and fell. The craft was then stalled in the pier by the strong tide and Clemmons was rescued with difficulty.

Dr. Rutherford of Beekman Street Hospital said the man was suffering from a crushed chest and other internal injuries.

SAVE TIME IN PLEATO COURTHOUSE

Former Government's Officers
Seek to Put Pressure on
Free State.

MAYOR O'MARA IN FEAR

McGrath, Counsel for Dail Eireann, Gets Death Threat in Letter.

Fearing for the life of Stephen O'Mara, Lord Mayor of Limerick and one of Eamon de Valera's lieutenants, representatives of the former Provisional Government applied in the Supreme Court yesterday for an order directing the Free State to show why security should not be given for the safe production of O'Mara before a judicial commission in Ireland. The order was made returnable December 19.

This action—unusual, as an American court of law was asked to recognize that O'Mara was likely to be executed by the Free State—was taken as one step in the controversy over the funds of the Irish Republic collected during the sale of Irish Republic bonds. The order, which was granted by Supreme Court Justice Mulligan, also requires the representatives of the Free State in this country to show cause why the whereabouts of O'Mara should not be disclosed and why a commission should not be appointed to take his testimony in Ireland.

John P. Finerty, national president of the Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and attorney for De Valera in this country, declared yesterday that O'Mara had been arrested by the Free State for the sole purpose of preventing him from testifying in this country and that all efforts to find where he was being held had failed. He pointed to a letter written by O'Mara in which he predicted his own arrest and execution.

McGrath Gets a Warning.—FELC. . . . Daniel McGrath, counsel for the Dail Eireann, got a letter yesterday warning him to leave this country before the morning of December 26. The letter, signed "Authority, Irish Republican Army," declared that McGrath had been held morally responsible for the execution of Rory O'Connor and his three colleagues. Mr. McGrath explained that he had resigned his consulship on the day O'Connor was executed.

There was undoubtedly a feeling of uneasiness among the Irish Republican adherents here as to the fate of O'Mara and a similar sense of apprehension among the Free State followers over the letter sent to McGrath.

Mr. Finerty said he had been unable to get the slightest inkling as to O'Mara's whereabouts or as to why he had been arrested November 12 by Free State authorities. He had intended sailing for the United States January 21. He had expected to testify in proceedings brought by the Free State to compel him against removal of the \$2,500,000 Irish Republic bonds now on deposit in the Harborman National and other New York city banks. He believed him "in danger."

Letter Shows O'Mara's Fears. That O'Mara had premonitions of some grave fate was indicated in a letter he sent Mr. Finerty in New York on October 24, which the latter made public as follows:

"My DEAR JOHN—Cannot go over this year, but if alive will go January 25, unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent me. Of course, I have no doubt but they will arrest or shoot me rather than permit me to defend this case. They have no case."

In his affidavit Mr. Finerty pleaded danger that before the case could come to trial O'Mara "will be killed or otherwise disabled from giving his testimony."

Alleging O'Mara was being held incommunicado, he submitted information "by various persons who have been in Ireland and who have attempted to see persons held in custody" by the Free State "that access to such persons has been uniformly denied."

Military killings in the Free State in advance of civil actions, contrary to "supposed laws of the Free State" were also declared. "Such persons are frequent occurrence there the last few months."

DRUG ADDICT BEGS FOR PRISON SENTENCE

Confesses to Larceny in Hope of Getting Cured.

In order to be sent to Sing Sing where he might receive treatment as a drug addict, George Wilson, who held the position as the Mills Hotel, Seventh avenue and Thirty-six street, confessed to grand larceny yesterday and was sentenced to two years and three months by Judge Gibbs in the Bronx County Court.

With a prison record beginning in 1881, Wilson was arrested November 14 by Detective Moran of the Morristania station on a charge of petty larceny. He pleaded with Magistrate to make the charge grand larceny so that he might go to Sing Sing. When told that the charge could not be changed, he confessed to swindling. On November 10, Giovanni Zappala, who has a grocery store at 14th street and Morris avenue, The Bronx, told the court he obtained \$58 by posing as the representative of an express company and collecting for mythical shipments on false bills of lading.

BAD PLATFORM JAM IN QUEENSBORO SUBWAY

Magistrate Conway Calls on Police for Relief.

Magistrate James J. Conway went to Police Headquarters yesterday and asked Commissioner Enright to detail uniformed policemen to handle the crowds on the platforms of the Queensboro subway at Grand Central terminal. The congestion there, the Magistrate said, has become as serious as to menace the lives of persons trying to enter and leave subway trains.

The Magistrate also saw officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, who agreed to take steps for relief of the situation. He told them that hundreds of women and children are jammed on the platforms and the crowds are pushed and shuffled about so that there is danger of a disaster.

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Let those who follow me continue to build with the plumb of Honor, the level of Truth, and the square of Integrity, Education, Courtesy and Mutuality.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

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For Miss 14 to 20's holiday afternoons

Reduced from \$59.50 and \$69.50 or part of a special purchase of our \$69.50 and \$79.50 grades.

Just as smart as silk frocks can be—perfectly made in the exquisite fashions of today.

Flat crepe, crepe de chine, crepe satin and the delightful "blistered" fabrics.

Brilliant touches of color in embroidery, many fine pleatings and tucks, gracefully shaped berthas and collars of lace and the always becoming fur trimming give to these frocks unusual distinction.

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Misses' Fur-trimmed Coats \$79.50, \$89.50 and \$95

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The finest soft pile fabrics in coats made to our order, and copied from our more expensive and most liked models.

Caracul, beaver, squirrel, wolf are the furs—which blend so happily in color with the black, brown, blue and gray of the smartly made coats.

Crepe de chine lined and interlined.

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Fibre Silk and Wool Scarves, \$1.50

Originally, \$7.50

A timely sale of 200. They make very attractive gifts. Smart all-over checked patterns. Lovely, gay color combinations.

NOTE: Many fine wool sweaters reduced for Christmas to \$5.

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Women's Cloth Frocks

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Well made, simply tailored frocks of twills and other wools of excellent quality. Each is trimmed attractively with braidings, bindings, or perhaps a touch of embroidery.

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Women's Smart Warm Coats, \$48

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Made with the same meticulous care as our more expensive coats.

Black caracul collars and cuffs give some of the coats great chic, the others are trimmed in interesting and becoming fashion with soft crush collars of the fabric.

Black, taupe, and browns and blues

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Children's Shoes such as these are most remarkable at \$3.75

—so said one customer who bought 20 pairs of them. They ought to be remarkable, for

Originally they were \$5.25 to \$11

In the lot are high shoes and oxfords in plenty of good styles for little girls, little boys and growing girls. Sizes range from an infant's 3 to a growing girl's 6, but, of course, not every size in every style. High shoes are of black calfskin, patent leather with black cloth or black kidskin tops, and tan calfskin.

Oxfords are of patent leather and black calfskin.

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One-third Less

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With becoming fur collars

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Two styles in morocco leather—one is a flat, almost square bag, and the other is the pouch model illustrated. Navy blue, brown or black.

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